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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 09/575,181 :  
Filed: May 23, 2000 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 3, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed March 25, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 26, 2003.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$840 extension of time submitted with the petition on November 3, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center Au 3624 for further processing.

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